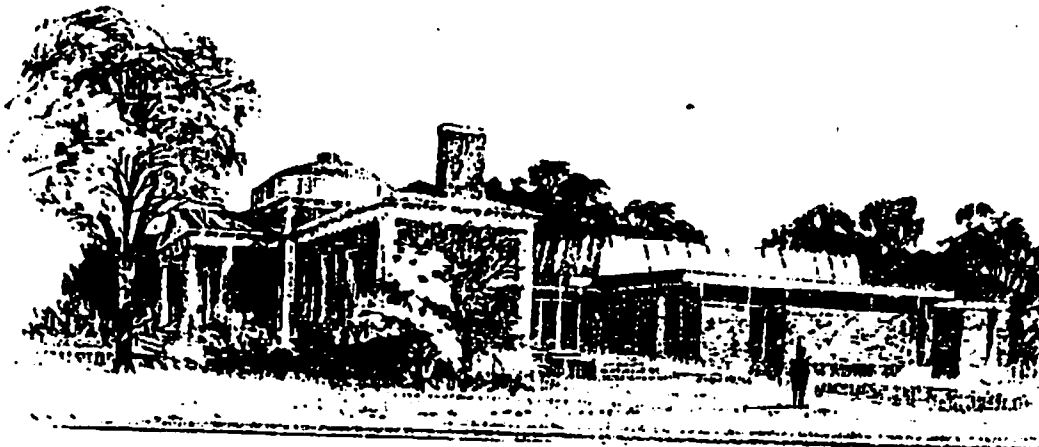


Duxbury Free Library

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THIS LIBRARY CAN BE YOURS



1968

Invest in the future.
Vote YES for the
Duxbury Free Library
Addition.

We already have a fine Library . . .
Of course we have, but . . .

- * It was built in 1909 - nearly sixty years ago when our population was 1,600.
- * Today, Duxbury's population is 7,000 - double in the summer; by 1983, it will be 15,000.
- * Space and facilities are hopelessly inadequate; they can only become worse.

For instance . . .

- * Many volumes are stored on the floor, window sills, tables and in the basement. Others can only be reached by a pull-down stair to a balcony.
- * There is only one crowded room for readers - adults and children alike. There is no quiet room for reading, browsing or research.
- * There is no staff working or meeting space.
- * There is no exhibit space.
- * There isn't even a coat rack; the vestibule has to be used for periodical storage.

In short, our library facilities are rapidly reaching a state of chaos despite the tireless efforts of a dedicated staff.

The Library plan includes a new addition together with the remodeling and modernization of the existing building to provide ample space for readers of all ages, sufficient book storage for present and future needs and efficient staff working facilities.

It will include these essential features:

Stacks for 50,000 volumes – ultimately, 75,000.

Separate section for younger children with its own staff member.

Young peoples' reading and study area.

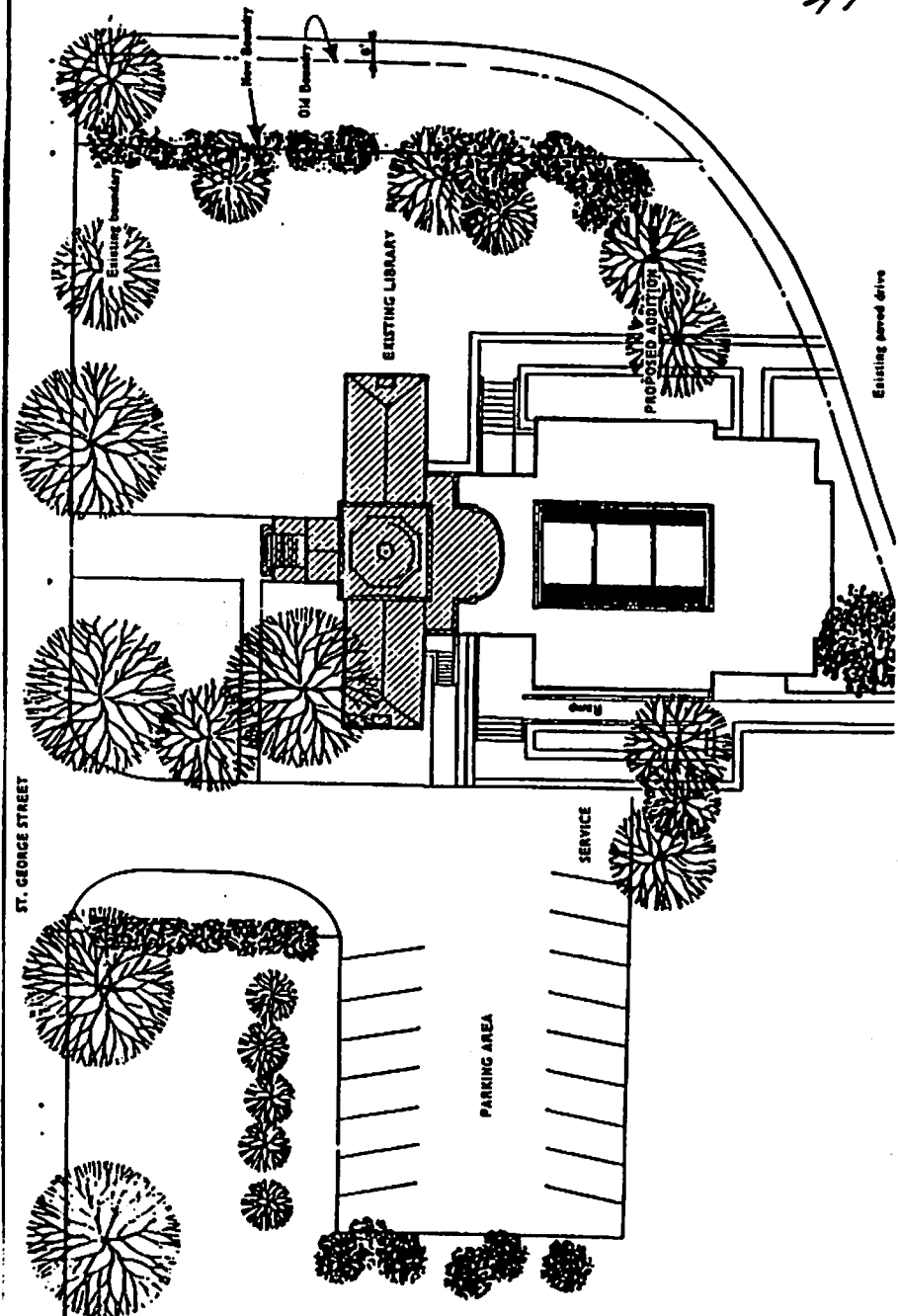
Adult reading room.

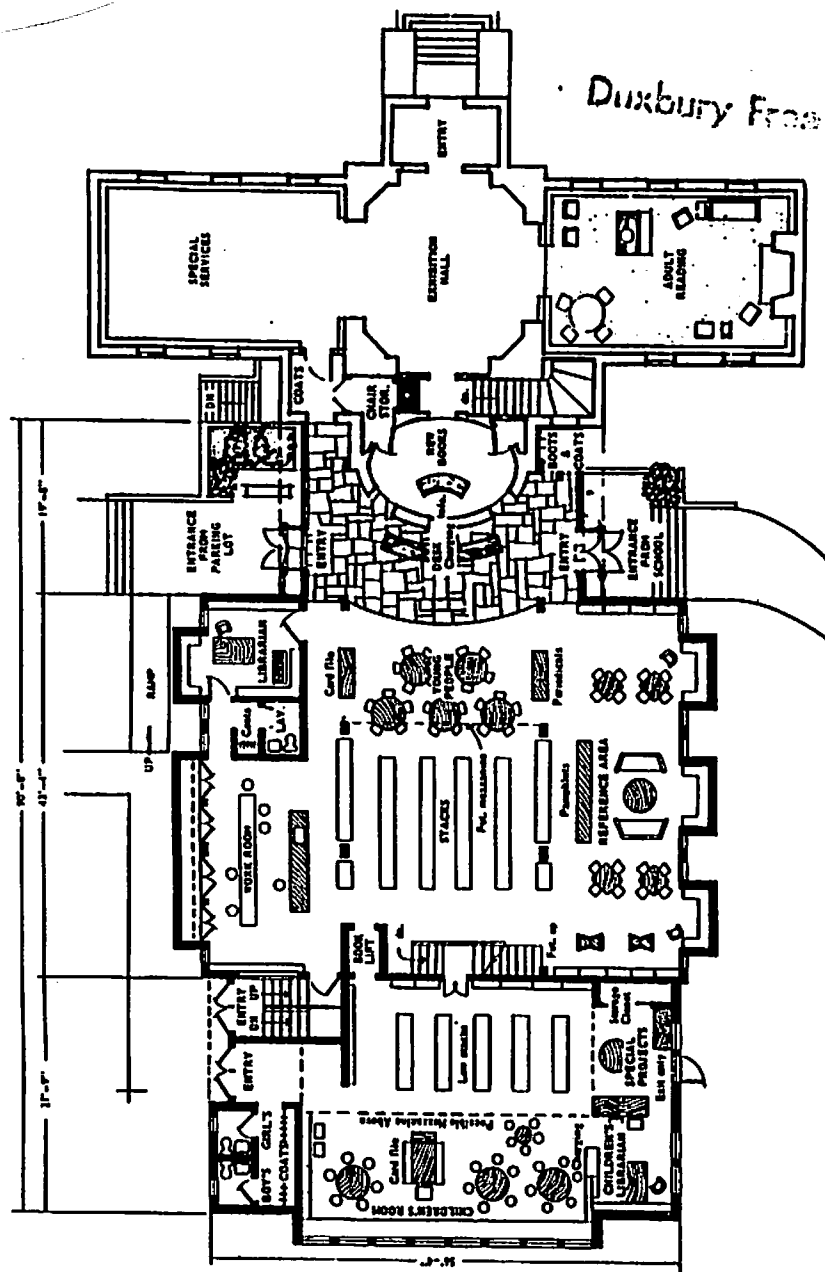
Reference area; magazine and periodical racks.

Librarian's office, staff working space and meeting room.

Off-street parking space.

The Plans





The Duxbury Library Study Committee, working for 22 months, much of the time in conjunction with Morehouse, Chesley & Thomas, Architects, has developed these plans to provide the facilities Duxbury so desperately needs.

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How the Library project will be paid for . . .

Total estimated cost **\$319,000.00**

includes addition, renovation of existing building, furniture and stacks, rough grading and parking lot, walks, steps, and architects' fees.

Anticipated and available funds

From federal government **\$60,000**

From Special Gifts **55,000**

From funds voted (1966) for working drawings **12,500**

Total anticipated and available funds **127,500.00**

Required to complete, estimated **\$191,500.00**

Where will the \$191,500 come from ? . . .

From a combination of sources including:

Town Reserve Funds

Borrowing

This will amount to approximately \$1.60 per capita on the basis of a borrowing of \$150,000 for a 20-year period.

Questions and Answers

- Q. How soon can these facilities be completed?
A. Within 15 months of a favorable vote at Town Meeting.
- Q. Shall we ever have to expand again?
A. Not unless the zoning laws change and Duxbury is permitted to expand beyond its theoretical maximum of 28,000 population.
- Q. What about the original building – is it worth preserving?
A. The original library is an excellent building – it still has a life of a good many generations and can easily be adapted to the present day needs of the community.
- Q. What are other towns doing?
A. We've listed some outstanding examples on the back cover.
- Q. Why must we have a children's section, when each school has its own library?
A. Because school libraries are used primarily for books required in connection with teaching courses. School libraries are only open during school hours. Students are called upon to make use of books and reference material only found in the main library.
- Q. How do we know the addition is the right size – not too large, not too small?
A. It conforms to minimum standards established by the National Public Library Association. It is also based on experience gained by town libraries already built in Eastern Massachusetts and elsewhere; for example, Canton, Sandwich, Milton, Hanover, Hingham and the Putterham Branch Library in Brookline. (See back cover.)
- Q. Is this expansion really necessary?
A. Visit the present library and judge for yourself.

By way of comparison this is what neighbor communities have done — at what cost

Canton (Pop. 13,000)

Original building (1902)	7,000 sq. ft.
Addition (1962)	10,000 sq. ft.
Total Area	17,000 sq. ft.
Cost of addition	\$261,000.00
Cost per Capita	\$20.09

Hanover (Pop. 9,000)

Original building (1907)	3,000 sq. ft.
Addition (1967)	5,000 sq. ft.
Total Area	8,000 sq. ft.
Est. Cost of addition (does not include renovation)	\$156,000.00
Cost per Capita	\$17.33

Hingham (Pop. 17,000)

New building (1966)	19,000 sq. ft.
Cost of building	\$500,000.00
Cost per Capita	\$29.41

Duxbury (Pop. *10,000)

Original building (1909)	4,900 sq. ft.
Addition (1968)	7,826 sq. ft.
Total Area	12,726 sq. ft.

Total cost of project	\$319,000.00
Cost per Capita (less grants)	\$19.15

* Includes summer tax-paying residents